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The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/831,968 filed April 2, 1997.--

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1 through 18, 22, 25 through 26, 28, 30, and 32 through 36 without prejudice.

REMARKS

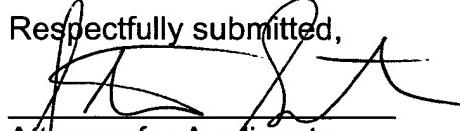
Claims 1-40 were presented for examination in the parent application filed. Upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1 through 18, 22, 25 through 26, 28, 30, and 32 through 36 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 19 through 21, 23 through 24, 27, 29, 31, 37 through 40.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or any suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Steven Santisi at telephone number (203) 905-6507 or via electronic mail at Santisi@WalkerDigital.com.

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